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The following citations are referred to in the body of the Specification:

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Additionally, Applicants have become aware of the following references, which may be material to patentability of the invention:

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- U.S. Patent No. 6,989,262 to Bejanin *et al.*, “Plasmin variants and uses thereof,” 2006;
- Publication No. US 2003/0087270 of Schlegel *et al.*, “Novel genes, compositions, kits and methods for identification, assessment, prevention, and therapy of cervical cancer,” 2003;
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- Publication No. US 2003/0154032 of Pittman *et al.*, “Methods and compositions for diagnosing and treating rheumatoid arthritis,” 2003;
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